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SHINTETSU NO AGARTHA

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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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SHINTETSU NO
AGARTHA
THERE'S NOW A SINGLE HOPE, TURNING THE WHEEL OF DESTINY FOR THE FUTURE OF A WORLD FOLLOWING A PATH OF DESTRUCTION.
CHAPTER 1
TOKITOU KANADE

*TN: THE KANJI FOR MAGANE REA[illegible] "GUI" AND "HON".

R O A R
THIS IS DUE TO A STRANGE DISEASE.
"PEOPLE ARE REDUCED TO THE HUMAN EATING "MAGANE", THEIR WHOLE BODIES ARE CONSTANTLY GNAWED AT BY CORRODING BLACK IRON.
OTHER-WISE, THEY ALSO CHANGE INTO THEM.
ARE GREEDILY DEVOURED BY THE MAGANE.
THE PEOPLE ABANDONED AT THE SITES OF THEIR DECAYED CIVILIZATIONS,
R O A R
ALREADY AT THEIR WITS END BEFORE THE MAGANE, WERE SEEMINGLY DESTINED TO BE DESTROYED
THE PEOPLE,
THAT GROUP APPEARED
UNTIL-

SFX ZASH
CRUMBLE
CRACK
PL-
HELP
ME...
CRACK
AH...
RUSTLE

CRUMBLE
!
CLOSE
SLASH
OH
TAD
WHILE YOU AT LEAST STILL HAVE YOUR OWN FORM,
YOU SHOULD SLEEP,
NAMELESS PERSON.
ROAR
SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: SHRED
SFX: ZIP
SWOOO
SWOOO
SFX: RUSTLE
...SIGH.
IS THAT... ALL OF THEM?
YEAH.
WE'RE DONE.
ALMA.
...
THAT'S RIGHT.

WE WERE
TOO LATE YET AGAIN.

THAT'S NOT THE CASE, RIGHT?
KICCHOMU
rustle
I FOUND SOMEONE
JUST ONE THOUGH.
THUD
HE'S NOT INFECTED?
HE'S GOING TO LIVE?
YEAH, LOOKS THAT WAY FOR NOW.
UNLIKE THE USUAL INFECTION, HIS IS PROGRESSING FAIRLY SLOWLY.
SO PERHAPS
HE STILL HAS A CHANCE.

CRACK
THE ONLY THINGS CORRODING ARE HIS EYES.
I'VE GOT IT.
I'LL GIVE YOU A TEST.
THE "FIVE ELEMENTS" INSIDE HIS BODY ARE FIGHTING THE MAGANE.
SO THAT HE CAN LIVE AS A HUMAN.
PLIK
PLIK
GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER.
OR, WILL YOU FIGHT IT?
WILL YOU ROT AWAY?
SFX: STAB

HEY, SENSEI
AM I GOING TO DIE?
IF ONLY WE HAD THESE MEDICINAL HERBS
IF ONLY WE COULD GO TO THE EASTERN VILLAGE...
THERE'S MAGANE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE.
YOU MUSTN'T GO.
YOU CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE?
TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE'S SICKNESS ...?
HERE.
KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THE OTHER VILLAGERS.
TH...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WITH THIS...
MAGANE!
KYIAAH
EVERYONE, RUN!
DON'T GET NEAR THE MAGANE.
KYAH
WILL WE BE INFECTED ?
OR, EATEN ...!?
VSSSH
!

SFX: OPEN
THE SKY IS SO PEACE-FUL.
I'M.
ALIVE...?
HEY, ARE YOU AWAKE?

...WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WE'RE TRAVEL-ERS.
I'M BURTON.
TUKI.
...KICC-HOMU.
I'M DONNY.
AND THIS KID IS DIO.
WHEN THE MAGANE WERE DRIVEN OUT, THEY ATTACKED THIS VILLAGE.
AND THAT'S WHERE WE FOUND YOU COLLAPSED

TO BE EXACT,
IT WAS HIM.
!
I SEE... I WAS HIT IN THE EYES BY A MAGANE...
AND YOU GUYS SAVED ME?
I'M ALMA.
I...
I'M
TENKOU.

THANK YOU, ALMA.
IS THAT SO...?
FRANKLY, BECAUSE OF THAT, I THOUGHT IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.
EVEN JUST COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE MAGANE MEANS BEING INFECTED.
AS A RESULT
OF YOUR EYES BEING INVADED BY THE MAGANE,
YOU HAD TO BE PURIFIED BY ALMA.
I DIDN'T SAVE YOU,
I JUST PUT YOU IN SHACKLES
.....
I DON'T DESERVE ANY THANKS.
NO
I'M FROM A VILLAGE TO THE WEST. I JUST CAME HERE FOR SOME MEDICINAL HERBS...
ARE YOU FROM THIS VILLAGE TENKOU?
MORE IMPORTANTLY
IF THERE'S ANY INJURED PEOPLE
I CAN HELP TREAT THEM...
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER VILLAGERS?
HUH?
SHACKLES...?

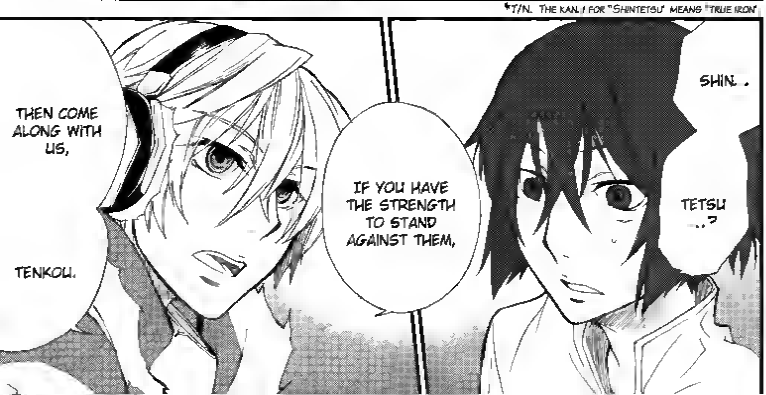
WE KILLED EVERYONE.
THERE'S NO ONE.
WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?

WHA...
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS...?
EVERY-ONE W.S EITHER INFECTED,
OR DEVOURED BY THE MAGANE.
IF LEFT ALONE, THE MAGANE WOULD HAVE MULTIPLIED AND SWAL-LOWED UP ANOTHER VILLAGE.
BEFORE THAT HAPPENED, WE SLAUGHTERED THEM ALL.
THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD RESIST THE M.GANE
WAS YOU.
TCH ...!

THEY'RE GOING TO EAT IT ALL UP AS IF IT WERE A STRAWBERRY.
A PERSON'S LIFE AND WORK AND...
THAT'S THE MAGANE
EVENTUALLY THE WHOLE WORLD.
THERE WERE SO MANY VILLAGERS
JUST LIVING THEIR LIVES NORMALLY.
BUT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE,
THIS ...!
WE CAN DO SOMETHING.
ALL OF US RESISTED THE MAGANE AT ONE POINT.
!
YOU'RE THE SAME.
SQUEEZE
AND THERE'S
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT?
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ...!!

USING THE POWER OF THE "SHINTETSU"* TO PURIFY THEM,
WE'RE TRAVELING TO HUNT DOWN THE MAGANE
IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE SUPPRESSED CYCLE OF THE WORLD FROM THE SOURCE PRODUCING THE MAGANE,
WE ARE AIMING FOR THE "AGARTHA OF SHINTETSU"

*T/N. THE KANJI FOR "SHINTETSU" MEANS "TRUE IRON"



SEK GUIDE
!?
He's even being led by Dio...
Be careful.
WHAT A DANGEROUS GUIDE HE IS.
THANK YOU, DIO..
OH..
WHEW.
I'M SORRY.
WELL AT LEAST WE DIDN'T HAVE A SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON THIS PATH...

I KNOW IT'S NOT REALLY AN EXCUSE
I WANT TO GAIN THE ABILITY TO DESTROY THE MAGANE BUT,
BUT, I CAN'T GO
THOUGH I'D BE DEFENDING,
IT WOULD STILL BE A BATTLE
I SEE
ALRIGHT THEN
I CAN'T ABANDON THEM.
THE ONLY TWO DOCTORS ARE MY SENSEI AND ME
IN MY VILLAGE THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH WEAK BODIES
SINCE YOU CAN HUNT THE MAGANE
I'M SURE EVERYONE WILL TRUST YOU AND WELCOME YOU WARMLY
INSTEAD, HOW ABOUT YOU ALL COME VISIT MY VILLAGE?
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME AT LEAST

BESIDES THAT... ALTHOUGH ALMA SAID IT WAS OKAY.
IS IT REALLY?
FOR THOSE WITH THE "SHIN-TETSU" ALREADY AWOKEN ...
WHO KNOWS.
FRANKLY, I WASN'T EXPECTING ANY OF THIS.
BUT IS THIS REALLY HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO PLAY OUT?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN AGREED ON,
HEY.

WE ALL HAD TO CHOOSE IN THE PAST TOO.
EVEN SO,
ALMA WANTED TO LET TENKOU CHOOSE ON HIS OWN.

THAT'S MY VILLAGE.
WE'RE HERE.
TAP

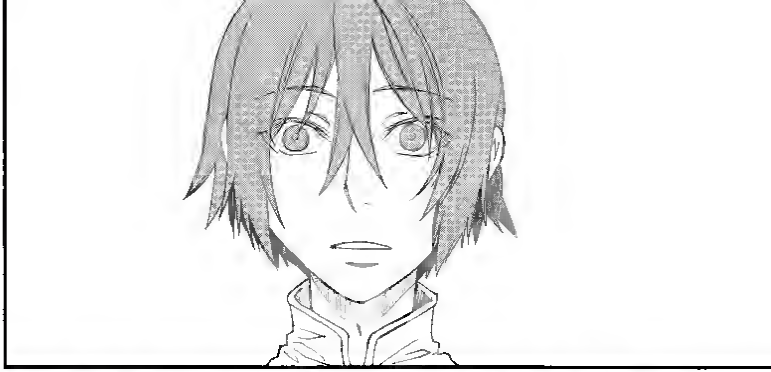
AND THE CENTER TREE IS?
IT'S OUR SACRED TREE.
WE CALL IT "KONJU".
WAH ...
WHAT A HUGE VILLAGE.
.....
IT'S WITHERED A LOT THOUGH.
THE POWER OF NATURE, WHAT SENSEI CALLED THE "FIVE ELEMENTS",
HAS BEEN STEADILY WEAKENING, IT SEEMS.
HUH?
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN FRONT OF THE GATE...

EVERYONE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
WHY
TENKOU.
DID YOU BREAK OUR TABOO AND LEAVE THE VILLAGE?

!
TH...
THAT'S
BECAUSE WE NEEDED MEDICINAL HERBS IN ORDER TO CURE THE ILLNESS XIAO FA AND THE OTHERS HAVE...

WHILE YOU WERE OFF PLAYING, IT BECAME TOO LATE TO SAVE THEM!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
THEREFORE,
!
I HEARD THAT
THE EASTERN VILLAGE HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE MAGANE...
WHO ARE THE PEOPLE YOU'VE BROUGHT ALONG?

THESE PEOPLE... SAVED MY LIFE!
THEY FOUGHT THE MAGANE...
FOUGHT THE MAGANE ...?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
TENKOU.
PEOPLE WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH THE MAGANE WILL BE INFECTED BY THEIR DISEASE
THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO SURVIVE IS BY RUNNING AWAY FROM THE MAGANE
SO HOW CAN YOU SAY THERE'S A WAY TO FIGHT THEM?
TE-
TENGEN-SENSEI..
YOU,
AND THOSE PEOPLE BEHIND YOU
ARE ALL GOING TO BE REDUCED TO MAGANE
AFTER THAT, DO YOU INTEND TO DEMO-LISH THIS VILLAGE?



RATHER, IT'S EXACTLY AS EXPECTED.
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE.
. HE'S REALLY TELLING HIM OFF.

HEY, HOLD ON..
OKAY.

I, AS THE LEADER OF THE VILLAGE, MUST PROTECT IT FROM THE MAGANE.
YOU, WHO BROKE OUR TABOOS, ARE NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THIS VILLAGE.
PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN YOURSELVES AND THIS PLACE.

...ALTHOUGH THE EASTERN VILLAGERS KNEW I WAS FROM THE OUTSIDE,
THEY STILL SHARED THEIR MEDICINAL HERBS WITH ME IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES.
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS.
BUT... AT LEAST
DO ME ONE FAVOR.
PLEASE DON'T REJECT
THEIR FEELINGS.
SENSEI,
AND EVERYONE ELSE.
THEY WANTED TO HELP YOU ALL IN SOME WAY.

HE'S REALLY RUNNING AWAY WITH A LOT OF VIGOR.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S GOING TO TRIP SOON.
TAKE ONE GUESS.
WHERE DOES HE PLAN ON HEADING?
BASH
OW...
ARE YOU OKAY?
WAH.
SWOO

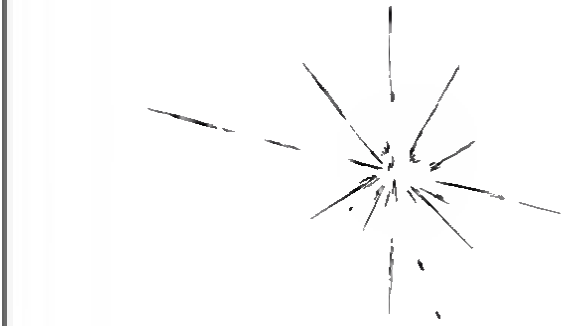
THOUGH I WANTED YOU GUYS TO BE WELCOMED,
YOU GOT THAT KIND OF GREETING INSTEAD.
I'M SORRY.
.....
WE HAVE TO PART WAYS HERE.
DO YOU HAVE A GOAL?
NO.
BUT,
I'LL FIGURE SOME-THING OUT.
I CAN'T, ALMA.
IN THE BEGINNING I REFUSED TO TAKE YOUR HAND.
I LOST MY RIGHT TO DEPEND ON YOU...
SQUEEZE
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
YOU SHOULD COME ALONG WITH US.
BUT, RIGHT NOW MY HAND IS BEING OFFERED TO YOU AGAIN, RIGHT?
BECAUSE OF THAT,
IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO GRASP IT THIS TIME.

NONE OF US ARE GOING TO REJECT YOU.

DRIP
THROB
I'M NOT CRYING.
MY EYES JUST HURT A LITTLE.
HUH?
WAIT... DON'T CRY, OKAY!?
I'M...
HANG IN THERE.
DIO, HAND ME A TOWEL.
GUH ?!?
TEN-KOU!?
HEY, ALMA.
...PRO-BABLY...
IS IT THE "MANIFES-TATION"?

MY EYES ...
HURT!
SOME-THING...
I CAN SEE
THIS ..IS
..THE SKY
A RED DRAGON
FLAMES ..
!

A RED DRAGON ...
AND FLAMES?
DON'T TELL ME
SFX: SHIFT
AH.
LIKE THAT...
SOME-THING,
IT'S "KOUEN"* ...!?
*T/N: KOUEN MEANS "RED FLAME".
THE VILLAGE IS...!!
STOP IT
STOP IT ALREADY !
HAVE THEY SPREAD THEIR REACH EVEN THIS FAR?



WAH
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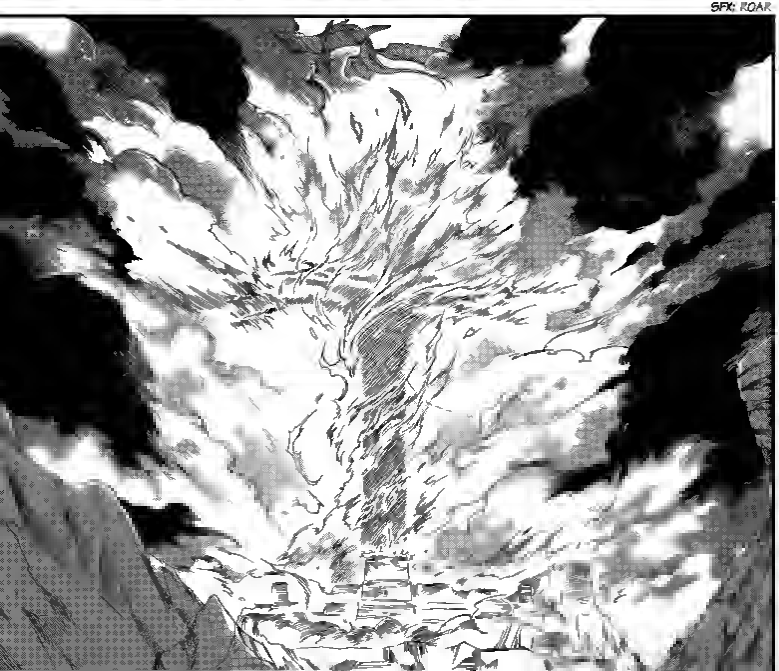
SFX: ROAR



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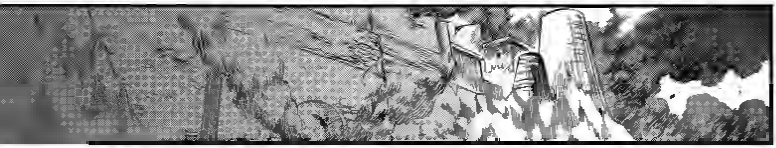
ITTT
DASH
"SHIN-TETSU"
TEN-KOU ...!
LET'S GO!

SFX: RUSH



WHAT IN THE HELL,
WH...
WHAT'S ALL THIS?
IS GOING ON HERE ...!?
TENKOU ...!
SFX. THUMP

HUH?
SFX. CRACKLE
SFX. RUSTLE

SFX: LEAP
SFX: SLASH
GO FIND TENKOU.
ALL RIGHT.

SFX: FLING
SFX: TAP
...!!
DIO, WATCH OUT!
SHOO

SFX: SWOOSH
SFX: RUSTLE
SFX: SWOO
HYUN
SFX: THUD
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
YOU SHOULD DODGE THE PROJECTILES.
IF THEY HIT YOU, IT'LL HURT.
AFTERWARDS, ALL THAT'S LEFT TO DO IS RETURN FIRE, RIGHT?
SFX: THUMP
THESE GUYS...
ARE "KOUEN" SOLDIERS?
TAP
AS FOR WHY THE "MALACIA"*
ARE HERE IN THIS VILLAGE...
*T/N: THE KANJI FOR "MALACIA" READS "THE KING'S GUARD" BUT 'MALACIA' IN ENGLISH IS 'THE ABNORMAL SOFTENING OF TISSUE'.
SE...
SEN-SEI?
TENGEN-SENSEI...!

MUSTN'T .. DIE, TENKOU.
YO... YOU,
LIVE. . AND SAVE ..
THE WORLD... FROM ITS DESTINY OF DESTRUCTION ...

TENKOU ...!
SEN.. SEI?

WAA
AAH
SFX: SWOOOOSH
WHAT THE ...!?
CRACK
CRACK
SFX: SPLATTER
AH
AA
H
AH

SFX: CRASH
ハアアア
SFX: DROP
SFX: SHHH
SFX: SHHHHHHH
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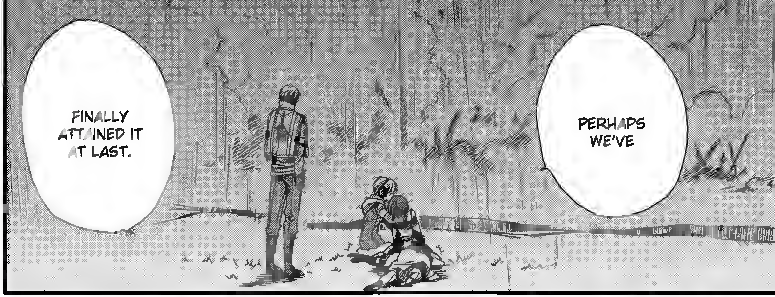
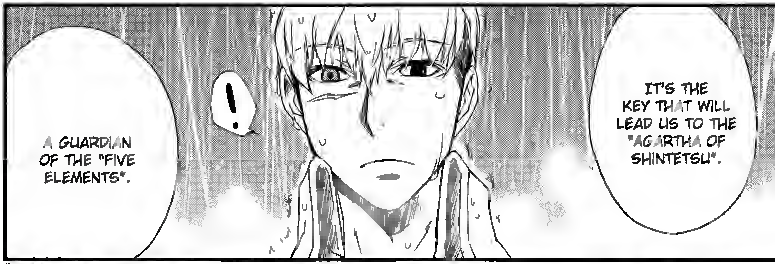
ALMA!
SFX: SWAY
THIS WATER
SFX: GRAB
BURTON.





*T/N: "RAJAN" IS A SANSKRIT NAME DERIVED FROM "RAJA" WHICH IS THE TITLE FOR A KING.